

#Niedchat

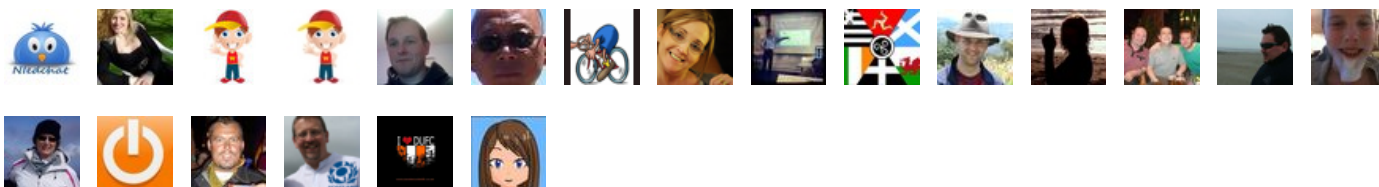
Transfer Tests

A debate inspired by John O'Dowd's announcement that Primary Schools found to be teaching towards Grammar School entrance tests should

Trending Words

#niedchat, @finnbarchristie, @dmurray742, -, @dmchugh675, @mrmalcontent, schools, @curriculumni, it's, primary, rt, test,

Event Participants





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23-May-12 07:30 | Nledchat



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23-May-12 11:30 | Nledchat



#ukedchat #Nledchat #pgce
Pls complete survey 'Uses of Twitter in Education' & retweet to teachers by 28/05/12 <http://t.co/QTtXRKsj>

23-May-12 13:50 | CI_JenKaye



NI Ed Minister, O'Dowd, visits Loughshore Educational Resource Centre to view the service provided to pupils.
<http://t.co/nlr4lVd7> #niedchat

23-May-12 14:21 | GametoChange



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<http://t.co/i7FpYq5j> #niedchat

23-May-12 14:21 | gametolearnuk



Got an opinion about the impact of transfer tests in Primary Schools? Join us on #Nledchat @ 8.30.

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23-May-12 16:41 | dmchugh675



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23-May-12 16:42 | aCiiilToClimb



Topic for tonight's #Nledchat - "O'Dowd warns Primary schools over unofficial transfer tests" <http://t.co/nN1DjqYH>
See you at 8.30.

23-May-12 18:30 | dmchugh675



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23-May-12 18:38 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 you gits doing one of my pet topics and me away drinking in Dublin! Almost feel guiLty. damn this schnapps is nice :) #niedchat

23-May-12 18:58 | helenhamill



#Nledchat in half an hour is looking at the dilemma many Primary Schools find themselves in over the transfer test.

23-May-12 19:00 | Nledchat



RT @CI_JenKaye: #ukedchat #Nledchat #pgce
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23-May-12 19:04 | Primary_Ed



@dmchugh675 #niedchat helen + schnapps + wifi + @johnodowdSF +twitter =brace yourselves for #oddinterjections x

23-May-12 19:04 | helenhamill



#Nledchat
Pls complete survey 'Uses of Twitter in Education' & retweet to teachers by 28/05/12 <http://t.co/QTtXRKsj>
Thx for ur support!

23-May-12 19:05 | CI_JenKaye



Welcome to #Nledchat! So who's here tonight????

23-May-12 19:30 | dmchugh675



Please say hello if you are taking part in #Nledchat tonight.

23-May-12 19:31 | dmchugh675



If you're new to Twitter chats please remember to add #niedchat to every tweet.

23-May-12 19:32 | dmchugh675



@karrybow search the hashtag #niedchat and you'll see us ;)

23-May-12 19:32 | Nledchat



Tonight's topic - "Academic selection: is it right for the Ed Minister to target Primary Schools and not the testing bodies?" #niedchat

23-May-12 19:33 | dmchugh675



#niedchat Dessie, Irish Teacher just lurking

23-May-12 19:33 | AnGaeilgeoir1



Hey all - #Nledchat Dáithí, Irish teacher...

23-May-12 19:34 | dmurray742



@AnGaeilgeoir1 Hi Dessie...slow start. People afraid of controversy maybe??? #niedchat

23-May-12 19:34 | dmchugh675



Distinct smell of BBQ round #Nledchat tonight...

23-May-12 19:34 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 Indeed...we'll give it a while to see. #niedchat

23-May-12 19:36 | dmchugh675



While we're waiting you can have a go at this quick survey #niedchat <https://t.co/17Egub3m>

23-May-12 19:37 | dmchugh675



#niedchat - Barry here. #late - views entirely my own....

23-May-12 19:37 | MrMalcontent



#niedchat - all gone quiet a bit or is my tweetdeck on the blink again??

23-May-12 19:38 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent Hi Barry...you couldn't ring round a few Primary teachers could you lol! #niedchat

23-May-12 19:39 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 We're all doing reports probably! I cleared my backlog to do this this evening! #niedchat

23-May-12 19:39 | MrMalcontent



@dmurray742 GRENADE!!! #niedchat

23-May-12 19:42 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent Somebody had to throw it... #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:42 | dmurray742



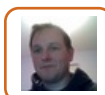
@curriculumni This topic got a lot of votes in the last poll...but you're right it is touchy and the weather is too good to waste! #niedchat

23-May-12 19:43 | dmchugh675



But is the issue not that the Ed minister targetting the wrong people by focussing on primaries? #niedchat

23-May-12 19:43 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent Primaries are in an impossible position in my view. Damned if you do, damned if you don't. #niedchat

23-May-12 19:44 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent Surely that's his bailiwick. He has no control over autonomous organisations like the Assoc for Quality Educ etc #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:44 | dmurray742



Rightly or wrongly, the majority of parents in primary schools wnt children prepared 4 tests - & thy swallow sum of PR nonsense #niedchat

23-May-12 19:44 | MrMalcontent



@curriculumni Nope it most certainly isn't. It's politicians fault. No equivocation about that. Time for leadership #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:44 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent Only because a selection/rejection system is in place. Abandon the system and their 'want' disappears... no? #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:45 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 When unregulated tests 1st suggested & a false rumour spread that we wouldn't prepare - we lost 3 families! 8 kids! #niedchat

23-May-12 19:46 | MrMalcontent



BTW - only representing the position we are in as opposed to my position - my views are well documented and available to all! #niedchat

23-May-12 19:47 | MrMalcontent



"@dmchugh675: @MrMalcontent Primaries are in an impossible position in my view. Damned if you do, damned if you don't. #niedchat" I AGREE

23-May-12 19:48 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@dmurray742 @curriculumni #Niedchat @JohnodowdSF s punishing schools, adding pressure to staff + STILL perpetuating #torture of pupils CRAP

23-May-12 19:48 | helenhamill



@curriculumni LOL! I am right down the middle #bothsides #niedchat

23-May-12 19:48 | MrMalcontent



@helenhamill @curriculumni @JohnodowdSF But at least it's doing SOMETHING, rather than just handwring #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:49 | dmurray742



#Niedchat A complete overhaul aiming for replication of #Finnish education system

23-May-12 19:52 | AnGaelgeoir1



When the majority of Grammar school are forced to admit that they don't benefit from the test then it will begin to change #niedchat

23-May-12 19:52 | MrMalcontent



It is a ludicrous, anachronistic system that is unfit for 19th C never mind 21 C #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:52 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 @curriculumni @JohnodowdSF #Niedchat yes they're ramming ms Ruanes doc ahead! And keeping/reinstating academic selection! #poor

23-May-12 19:52 | helenhamill



And why are my taxes being used to fund an elitist, selective system? It is wrong, WRONG, WRONG. #Niedchat (Did I say it was wrong?)

23-May-12 19:53 | dmurray742



POLL....<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDRLdHFKT3dkdi1WV0hWQXpWQzJWcWc6MQ> #niedchat

23-May-12 19:53 | dmchugh675



@helenhamill @curriculumni @JohnodowdSF What? What doc? #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:53 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 If we ensure that all schools are given equal funding to improve then there might be a sea change #niedchat

23-May-12 19:54 | MrMalcontent



Sea change - DAMMIT! #niedchat

23-May-12 19:54 | MrMalcontent



#Niedchat Proper financing of all sectors would be a start! End bureaucracy and creaming off of budgets #SELB #ccms

23-May-12 19:54 | AnGaelgeoir1



@MrMalcontent Perhaps, but it need political will to change the system away from selection at 11. Where are our leaders? #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:55 | dmurray742



#niedchat if universities do it why shouldn't grammar schools? #wayoftheworld #onlythestrongsurvive

23-May-12 19:55 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie Why not extend selection to hospitals then? #wayoftheworld #onlythestrongsurvive #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:56 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie #niedchat welcome controversy

23-May-12 19:56 | AnGaelgeoir1



@dmurray742 @curriculumni @JohnodowdSF #Niedchat the Way Forward- is still being used as guide for progress. Discussed/flogged/Slated. #here

23-May-12 19:57 | helenhamill



@dmurray742 @mrmalcontent #niedchat Selection at 14 is worse!! #hormones #emotionalnightmare

23-May-12 19:58 | AnGaeilgeoir1



Has our unique system of govt exacerbated the problem? Can it be solved in an executive made up of opposite ends of the spectrum? #niedchat

23-May-12 19:58 | dmchugh675



#niedchat y not indeed! Ppl gettin new livers having destroyed their own while people die through bad luck. Y shdnt der b a selective system

23-May-12 19:58 | finnbarchristie



@MrMalcontent Our current pol system demands cross-community agreement. Why DUP think selection is good for 'their' community?? #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:59 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 Are we mature enough to accept such opposition and have parties stand on their principles #niedchat

23-May-12 19:59 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 Yes, and I don't think it can be solved without political change. #Niedchat

23-May-12 19:59 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent Not mature enough/not enough trust for traditional government! #niedchat

23-May-12 19:59 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@finnbarchristie What are they being selected for Finn? The curriculum in KS3 is the same for all schools..no? #niedchat

23-May-12 20:00 | dmchugh675



@finnbarchristie Really Finn? REALLY? #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:00 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie Oh...and you're welcome to the chat ;) #niedchat

23-May-12 20:00 | dmchugh675



RT @dmchugh675: @finnbarchristie What are they being selected for Finn? The curriculum in KS3 is the same for all schools..no? #niedchat

23-May-12 20:00 | dmurray742



RT @AnGaeilgeoir1: @MrMalcontent Not mature enough/not enough trust for traditional government! #niedchat

23-May-12 20:00 | dmurray742



@AnGaeilgeoir1 I think I agree. It's a shame, people still voting across religious as opposed to political lines. #wayoftheworld #niedchat

23-May-12 20:01 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent @AnGaeilgeoir1 as opposed to what's right for our children too. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:01 | dmurray742



@curriculumni The most forward thinking Scandanavian countries don't have a focus on any testing - all about the education... #niedchat

23-May-12 20:02 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent @curriculumni ... And they do better in all respects. With ultimate appreciation and respect for teachers #niedchat

23-May-12 20:03 | AnGaeilgeoir1



@AnGaeilgeoir1 I know, and am. However, it's the core working class voters of unionism that seem to now be suffering... #niedchat

23-May-12 20:03 | MrMalcontent



@dmurray742 Get off the fence - the splinters are showing!! #niedchat

23-May-12 20:05 | MrMalcontent



@curriculumni Angry's a better word. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:05 | dmurray742



#niedchat if it was for a tall competition then of course! I'm not as fast as Usain Bolt, do I have the RIGHT to race him in the olympics?

23-May-12 20:05 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie Yeh, but you won't get selected. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:05 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie Actually, you do if you put in the effort ;@) #niedchat

23-May-12 20:05 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie 18 years teaching tells me that no two children are the same and testing is a very blunt instrument. #niedchat

23-May-12 20:06 | dmchugh675



#niedchat and I'm ok with that #wayoftheworld

23-May-12 20:06 | finnbarchristie



@dmchugh675 That's also why Standardised tests have a margin of error built in to them. Is this reflected in AQE/GL marking? #niedchat

23-May-12 20:06 | MrMalcontent



Even the name: Association for Quality Education makes my blood boil! #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:07 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent same to be said for transfer test #niedchat

23-May-12 20:07 | finnbarchristie



I also have a feeling that people might think that P6/7 teachers might not work as hard if there isn't a test to judge them on... #niedchat

23-May-12 20:07 | MrMalcontent



IMHO - many would probably work harder to provide a better experience for the children in stead of churning out same mindless cr*p #niedchat

23-May-12 20:08 | MrMalcontent



@dmurray742 @curriculumni @JohnodowdSF #Niedchat is it any wonder am drinking!

23-May-12 20:09 | helenhamill



@finnbarchristie Stop bussing the students from 20-miles hence and level the playing field a little. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:11 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie That is a good point but nobody is demolishing Grammars - struggling ones included... #niedchat

23-May-12 20:11 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie If that was of benefit to education then yes. The ability to recall info for a test is over rated as a skill. #niedchat

23-May-12 20:11 | dmchugh675



Why should we subsidise a child to be bussed past 2,3,4,5 secondary schools to a grammar sch in a different town? #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:12 | dmurray742



We cnt all assume that all grammars R successful - a gd skool is a gd skool 4 its pupils - whatever the PP classification #niedchat

23-May-12 20:12 | MrMalcontent



RT @curriculumni: @MrMalcontent #Niedchat we need school improvement in many of our schs we need #highexpectations or we fail the kids +1

23-May-12 20:12 | dmurray742



I hate the use of 'Secondary school' in PP references.. #pethate #niedchat

23-May-12 20:13 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent I totally agree but it's a necessary term to contrast with grammar. Should we use non-selective v. selective? ;) #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:13 | dmurray742



@curriculumni Agreed - and given two full years to work with a full class to help them attain this high expectation >> #niedchat

23-May-12 20:14 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie @dmchugh675 How realistic a question is that though? #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:14 | dmurray742



there is a genuine 'burn out' effect in the class from the beginning of December for both children and teachers. #niedchat

23-May-12 20:14 | MrMalcontent



As well as this - there is the artificially created divide created between test children and non-test - but ... #niedchat

23-May-12 20:15 | MrMalcontent



Evening #niedchat . Apologies for late arrival. Good to see @dmurray742 being noncommittal! ;-)

23-May-12 20:16 | mapsman



#niedchat @karrybow: Too ideological Solution involves an academic pathway for fewer students with fairer selection method.

23-May-12 20:16 | karrybow



@mapsman About to throw my shoe at the screen. Stand back. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:16 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie @dmchugh675 Lots of 'grammar' schools taking D-grade students (what a horrible, offensive term that is) #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:18 | dmurray742



#Niedchat Sorry2butt in-if interested
Pls complete survey Uses of Twitter in Education & retweet 2 teachers by 28/05/12 <http://t.co/QTtXRKsj>

23-May-12 20:18 | Cl_JenKaye



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 same again with a kid who gets a D or should P7 teachers be able to tell them they cudnt cope in a grammar #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:18 | finnbarchristie



@curriculumni Lol - I weep for our education system, I really do. State sponsored cruelty. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:18 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie @dmchugh675 What does that mean 'couldn't cope in a grammar'?? It's the same KS3 curriculum #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:19 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 I agree about the horribleness #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:19 | finnbarchristie



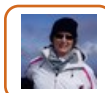
@finnbarchristie Time to do something about it then. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:19 | dmurray742



#niedchat I visited a Primary school in Cookstown the other day and the difference compared to my daughter's school was amazing!

23-May-12 20:19 | mapsman



Hi there onli rid of visitors and onli got BB 2nite #niedchat

23-May-12 20:20 | medv2



@finnbarchristie @dmurray742 My view is that schools should cater for all abilities. Simple :) #niedchat

23-May-12 20:20 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @finnbarchristie My hero! #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:20 | dmurray742



#Niedchat My daughter is snowed under with work to almost breaking point whilst in other non transfer schools things are a lot more relaxed

23-May-12 20:21 | mapsman



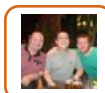
@dmurray742 2 an extent - but everyone has an opinion b/c they went 2 skool & got a diff experience - #differentpressures #niedchat

23-May-12 20:21 | MrMalcontent



POLL ...if you missed it earlier <https://t.co/17Egub3m> #niedchat

23-May-12 20:21 | dmchugh675



#Niedchat it's the same curriculum bt let's nt kid rselves. Cudnt cope means wud b left behind by the rest of the class #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:21 | finnbarchristie



#niedchat pressure is from unrealistic parents like myself. Kids are tough if allowed

23-May-12 20:24 | karrybow



#Niedchat tests: what happens 2those who get left behind or feel deflated by grades? Testing should take dif forms 4 dif learning styles

23-May-12 20:24 | CI_JenKaye



In primary we have to deliver what our parents want - no arguments. If the majority didn't want prep - it wouldn't happen #niedchat

23-May-12 20:24 | MrMalcontent



@dmchugh675 defo disagree. Sometimes it's actually the students fault #takeresponsibilityforyourownlearning #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:24 | finnbarchristie



@MrMalcontent That's what I can't understand. Why is mix-ability ed seen as such an anathema when we've all seen it work? #niedchat

23-May-12 20:24 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent I disagree Barry - that's not what an educ system should be founded on - 'what parents demand'. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:24 | dmurray742



@CI_JenKaye It's hell - trust me! 4 moths rebuilding confidence. #niedchat

23-May-12 20:25 | MrMalcontent



@dmurray742 #niedchat Is does not sound bizarre. teachers are told to categorise children from an early age. Is this helpful?

23-May-12 20:25 | mapsman



@dmurray742 But it is, D, it is. Not saying it's correct but this is the environment that the schools are in. #niedchat

23-May-12 20:26 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie Out of interest..are you a teacher Finnbar? #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:26 | dmchugh675



@MrMalcontent Then we need to change the environment. Bad things happen when good people fail to do something (misquote i know). #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:26 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 Again, we wnt 2 deliver the curriculum that has undergone years of testing... sum just wnt 2 C the result of the tests #niedchat

23-May-12 20:27 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent Remove the test from the picture and it makes things easier for everyone. I know you're not advocating testing btw #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:27 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent #niedchat what happens to those kids who opt not to be tested? Is P6 a duff year?

23-May-12 20:28 | mapsman



@mapsman Very true. That's another ball to juggle in the classroom #niedchat

23-May-12 20:28 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent Now that I WANT to see. #bilocation #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:30 | dmurray742



@mapsman I make it a personal drive to give them ALL the BEST I can #niedchat

23-May-12 20:30 | MrMalcontent



@curriculumni Yes! but not for selection. #Niedchat #compromise

23-May-12 20:30 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 Slow start, frantic end! Thanks again D #niedchat

23-May-12 20:30 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent #niedchat would you be more positive if this were a stand. test covering all subjects and delivered in the primary school?

23-May-12 20:31 | mapsman



Well done Damien - have been waiting on that all year ;) #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:31 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie It was a honest question. I feel the general perception of ed is different to what teachers experience. #niedchat

23-May-12 20:31 | dmchugh675



Love @dmchugh675's cartoon <http://t.co/QaaNpZ3Z> #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:32 | dmurray742



#niedchat . . . need to get here earlier

23-May-12 20:32 | mapsman



@mapsman You do!!! Glad you made it all the same :) #niedchat

23-May-12 20:33 | dmchugh675



@finnbarchristie i teach children of ALL ability ranges, boys and girls, in the one building. It's great. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:33 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent I would have said you have to deliver what DENI want...but there you go! #niedchat

23-May-12 20:34 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 i dont doubt it for a second #niedchat

23-May-12 20:34 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie Why select? #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:35 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent It's hell - trust me! 4 months rebuilding confidence. #Niedchat We should not categorise kids, just achievement, praise motiva

23-May-12 20:35 | CI_JenKaye



@MrMalcontent @dmchugh675 Hahahaha - spotted that too and just had to bite my tongue. #Niedchat #my2ndhero

23-May-12 20:38 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 If we went comprhensiv, surly schools wud b evn mre ghetto-ised, least this way 'smart' workin class kids gt a chance #niedchat

23-May-12 20:40 | finnbarchristie



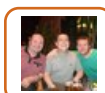
@finnbarchristie #facepalm God bless you guv'ner givin our poor kids a chance in life. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:41 | dmurray742



"@dmchugh675: Indeed.no point testing an elephant's to climb a tree! #niedchat differentiation is key, &yet summative assess is exam/essay

23-May-12 20:41 | CI_JenKaye



@dmurray742 @MrMalcontent @dmchugh675 lol spotted that myself!thot id get away with it character-wise,even tho i hd lots left! #niedchat

23-May-12 20:41 | finnbarchristie



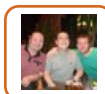
RT @dmurray742: @finnbarchristie #facepalm God bless you guv'ner givin our poor kids a chance in life. #Niedchat LOL!

23-May-12 20:41 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie As a teacher then, how do you deal with a kid that can't cope with your lesson? Do you just kick them out? #niedchat

23-May-12 20:41 | dmchugh675



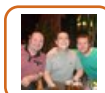
@dmurray742 speaking from experience, had i nt gone to a grammar school, who knows where id be #niedchat

23-May-12 20:42 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie Really, Finn - you think you'd be a different person by the blazer you wore? #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:43 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 course nt,bt huge diff between strugglin with a certain lesson, and struggling with 'high' standard in general #niedchat

23-May-12 20:44 | finnbarchristie



@dmurray742 so much more than that Dáithí. Standards and atmosphere. me+local secondary skul=nt a gd fit! #improvesecondaryschools #niedchat

23-May-12 20:47 | finnbarchristie



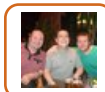
OK explain your thesis on how we #improvesecondaryschools #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:49 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 majority of my primary school class on the dole and missing teeth #nottryingtobeflippant #fact #niedchat

23-May-12 20:50 | finnbarchristie



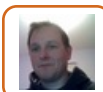
@dmurray742 You realise no-one else is here right #niedchat #loners

23-May-12 20:51 | finnbarchristie



Secondary Schools don't have a chance to 'improve' when 'bright' students are creamed off by grammar schs. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:51 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie @dmurray742 I think that's the crux. It does work....but only for a small minority. Education is for all. #niedchat

23-May-12 20:55 | dmchugh675



(on their religion, or not) #anothercontroversiasideissue #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:55 | dmurray742



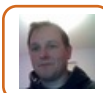
@finnbarchristie @dmurray742 dilemma? #niedchat

23-May-12 20:56 | finnbarchristie



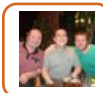
@finnbarchristie Yip, it's a toughie. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:56 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie @dmurray742 I enjoy mixed ability. Greater range of talents to draw on and you can't get away with a lazy lesson. #niedchat

23-May-12 20:57 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 for what were you selected when you got your job? #selectionhappens #niedchat

23-May-12 20:57 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie But I was an adult. Capable of making an adult decision and dealing with the consequences. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:58 | dmurray742



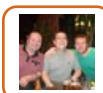
JFK: "a rising tide lifts all the boats". All children should be educated together, raising attainment of everyone #niedchat

23-May-12 20:58 | ICTNI



@finnbarchristie Finn, can we agree with the financial issue, that a selective education system is unsustainable??? #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:59 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 i sumtimes feel like I'm lettin down the secondary sector, which I love, by working in a grammar #niedchat

23-May-12 20:59 | finnbarchristie



@dmurray742 touche #niedchat

23-May-12 20:59 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie @dmchugh675 Do something about it then. Change the system. Be part of the change or get out of the way. Simples. #Niedchat

23-May-12 20:59 | dmurray742



Life is too short for dicking about with social engineering and pandering to snobbery. Education matters. Buildings don't. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:00 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 like refuse a job in a grammar? #needtofeedthedog #niedchat

23-May-12 21:01 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie @dmchugh675 Change happens from within. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:01 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent I could do this all night. You should come to my dinner parties lol. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:06 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 wud u feel the same way if u wer teachin in a grammar? I love my school #allschoolshouldbeasgood #niedchat

23-May-12 21:06 | finnbarchristie



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 not sayin my school is better than yours of course, just that I love it #niedchat

23-May-12 21:07 | finnbarchristie



@daithimurray @finnbarchristie i see i chose a bad night to forget about #niedchat Hope you 2 boys play nice next week.

23-May-12 21:07 | cillian_walsh



@finnbarchristie It's good that you love your school. You should let everyone in through the doors... #Niedchat #harsh?

23-May-12 21:07 | dmurray742



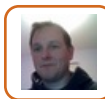
@curriculumni @mrmalcontent Anytime. Just bring lots of wine. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:08 | dmurray742



RT @dmurray742: @finnbarchristie It's good that you love your school. You should let everyone in through the doors... #Niedchat #harsh?

23-May-12 21:08 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie @dmurray742 I would feel exactly the same. Our system is indefensible in the 21st century. #niedchat

23-May-12 21:09 | dmchugh675



@MrsDMorrow @MrMalcontent @curriculumni pro-selection I presume? but shoot my down if I'm wrong... #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:09 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 west belfast needs a 'St Paul's'. Too many kids failed. you start it, ill be your first teacher #niedchat

23-May-12 21:10 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie Why not give the sec schools in W/Belfast a fighting chance? Stop bussing students from outside ur catchment area. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:11 | dmurray742



@curriculumni @dmchugh675 @mrmalcontent Should I have a test to select who gets invited? #Niedchat #beingdeliberatelycontroversial

23-May-12 21:13 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 i agree on this one and raised my concerns about it in school. #niedchat #cantrocktheboattoomuch

23-May-12 21:13 | finnbarchristie



@dmurray742 #Niedchat not til you remove test

23-May-12 21:14 | helenhamill



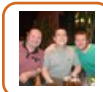
@finnbarchristie Rock it, and don't sit down til it tips over. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:14 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 I'll definitely write a blog post on the week i hosted soon ;) #Nledchat

23-May-12 21:18 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 problem is I still don't know if i believe it's wrong #stillstuckinthisdilemma #niedchat

23-May-12 21:18 | finnbarchristie



@MrMalcontent @curriculumni @dmchugh675 Uncanny. #Nledchat

23-May-12 21:19 | dmurray742



@MrsDMorrow @MrMalcontent I think all-ability groups would work fine in KS3 for most learning areas. KS4 is a different beast #niedchat

23-May-12 21:19 | dmchugh675



@finnbarchristie Do you think it's wrong that girls from lower falls can't get into ur school but girls from 20 miles away can? #Nledchat

23-May-12 21:20 | dmurray742



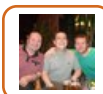
@MrMalcontent Wallpaper. #Nledchat

23-May-12 21:20 | dmurray742



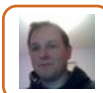
@dmurray742 @MrMalcontent @curriculumni You've your summer hat on D...how'd that happen? #niedchat

23-May-12 21:20 | dmchugh675



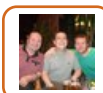
@dmurray742 100% wrong,have said so!bt dnt knw if I tink it's wrong if the girls frm 20miles away gt an A n l/falls girls gt a B #niedchat

23-May-12 21:23 | finnbarchristie



@MrMalcontent I don't think most people has grasped how different KS3 is now to back in the day. Mix-ability would be easier imo. #niedchat

23-May-12 21:23 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 We should defo fill up from falls first then go elsewhere #niedchat

23-May-12 21:24 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie But alas you don't. #Nledchat #ifonly

23-May-12 21:24 | dmurray742



@dmchugh675 @MrMalcontent Mixed ability and mixed gender D. I'd hate to teach single-sex. I love the dynamic of both in class #Nledchat

23-May-12 21:25 | dmurray742



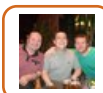
Blimey, looks like #Nledchat was lively tonight! Must have been a testing topic... #bitlatetotheparty

23-May-12 21:25 | not_out_97



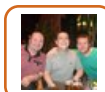
@not_out_97 Been waiting on this all year... #Nledchat #hopeyourewell

23-May-12 21:27 | dmurray742



Enjoyin a cup of tea and an lively discussion and still have schemes of work to write and the dishes to do!!! #niedchat

23-May-12 21:28 | finnbarchristie



@dmurray742 filling up from outside and selection in general. I mite b ok with selection bt in OUR area #niedchat

23-May-12 21:31 | finnbarchristie



@dmchugh675 Awww nice one - we're v proud of @oscail247. Hope @not_out_97 and @MrODonnell will let us on their new system soon. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:31 | dmurray742



RT @ICTNI: JFK: "a rising tide lifts all the boats". All children should be educated together, raising attainment of everyone #niedchat

23-May-12 21:31 | pamela_manley



@not_out_97 It was a slow-burner Alastair. I was about to head out and light the BBQ at 8.45 such was the lack of interest! #niedchat

23-May-12 21:32 | dmchugh675



@finnbarchristie Finnbar - you are a modern day FW De Klerk! #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:32 | dmurray742



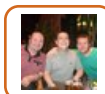
Now this will blow @finnbarchristie's head off-but what about streaming students within a non-selective system?Where do we stand? #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:33 | dmurray742



LOL!!! RT @dmurray742: @finnbarchristie Finnbar - you are a modern day FW De Klerk! #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:33 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 harsh?! #niedchat

23-May-12 21:33 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie Selection but just within our wee part of the city. Isn't that called apartheid? #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:34 | dmurray742



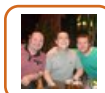
@dmurray742 @finnbarchristie I feel you're setting me up! #niedchat

23-May-12 21:34 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @finnbarchristie I remember a heated discussion in the Duke of York, but it is relevant... no? #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:35 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 you too want everything localised, the only diff is I think selection is ok. #whydoyouhatepplfromglenavy #niedchat

23-May-12 21:36 | finnbarchristie



@dmurray742 @finnbarchristie Totally! I believe in mixed ability education...not mix-ability buildings. #niedchat

23-May-12 21:36 | dmchugh675



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 is streaming not selection with in a school? #niedchat

23-May-12 21:37 | finnbarchristie



@dmchugh675 @finnbarchristie Good soundbite Damien. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:38 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 last school I worked in streamed, kids at the lower end called themselves 'the stupid class' #niedchat

23-May-12 21:40 | finnbarchristie



And or next topic > Religious segregation in our education system > good or bad? :@) LOL #niedchat

23-May-12 21:41 | MrMalcontent



@dmurray742 @MrMalcontent #Niedchat #bringschnapps yyyEssss.....pls invite jonn o deeee

23-May-12 21:41 | helenhamill



of course, 'our' #niedchat

23-May-12 21:41 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent Can't believe that's only being mentioned now. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:41 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 @MrMalcontent #Niedchat #bringschnapps pmsl

23-May-12 21:41 | helenhamill



@dmurray742 Meh, it's late - time to throw in a hand grenade or two! #niedchat

23-May-12 21:42 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie @dmchugh675 Same as kids in secondary school next door to a grammar school. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:42 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie @dmurray742 So in that case 'selection' is detrimental to education. Need more opps for kids to learn together. #niedchat

23-May-12 21:42 | dmchugh675



RT @dmurray742: @finnbarchristie @dmchugh675 Same as kids in secondary school next door to a grammar school. #Niedchat <*cough* Ravenhill Rd

23-May-12 21:43 | MrMalcontent



@MrMalcontent Do you want to host it??? #bemyguest #niedchat

23-May-12 21:43 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @finnbarchristie I agree. I'm happy to move away from rigid streaming and let all kids learn together. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:43 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent @finnbarchristie #Niedchat Yip, and in west Belfast too. Hard for Catholic sector to defend. Where is the social justice?

23-May-12 21:44 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 @finnbarchristie Wow! You've changed your tune from the Duke of York! #niedchat

23-May-12 21:44 | dmchugh675



RT @dmchugh675: @dmurray742 @finnbarchristie Wow! You've changed your tune from the Duke of York! #niedchat < less alcohol?

23-May-12 21:45 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie But surely a good teacher meets the needs of ALL the children in class. We seem to be able to do it in PS #niedchat

23-May-12 21:49 | MrMalcontent



@dmurray742 @dmchugh675 i do.bt last sch I was in, somethin which took me 3weeks 2 do, i did in 2periods in this sch #niedchat #harshreality

23-May-12 21:49 | finnbarchristie



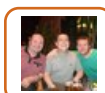
@AnGaeilgeoir1 Good point, but is there not a bit more maturity in deciding what path may be more suitable at this age? #niedchat

23-May-12 21:50 | MrMalcontent



@finnbarchristie Yeh but that last statement focused on what 'you did' - make the learning up front and central not the teaching #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:50 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 semantics. What THEY did in 3weeks THE KIDS in this school did in 2periods. #niedchat

23-May-12 21:52 | finnbarchristie



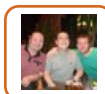
@finnbarchristie Why? what was different? really I mean that seriously? #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:53 | dmurray742



@finnbarchristie @MrMalcontent @dmchugh My new fav blog: <http://t.co/aAkQiWFJ> #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:53 | dmurray742



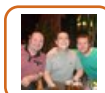
@dmurray742 the students were different #niedchat

23-May-12 21:55 | finnbarchristie



@finnbarchristie How? #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:55 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 They,4da majority av a btr appitude 4learnin than prvious sch. No fights or arguments, prepared 4class&willin 2 learn #niedchat

23-May-12 21:58 | finnbarchristie



My head hurts from all this thinking tonight. Helen's will hurt from all the Schnapps! Must head to bed see you all tomorrow! #niedchat

23-May-12 21:58 | MrMalcontent



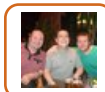
@finnbarchristie So surely you'd agree it would be better to integrate them rather than keep them apart? Learn from each other? #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:59 | dmurray742



@MrMalcontent Lightweight. Only warming up. You have all this to look forward to in Nottingham. #Niedchat

23-May-12 21:59 | dmurray742



@dmurray742 or keep each other back..... #niedchat

23-May-12 22:00 | finnbarchristie



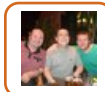
@finnbarchristie Well then... why not keep selecting as we go through secondary school? Hows about an elite grammar sch? #Niedchat

23-May-12 22:01 | dmurray742



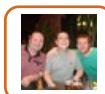
@medv2 I saw you alright...just got lost in an argument and when I looked up you were gone ;) #Niedchat

23-May-12 22:07 | dmchugh675



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 1st) i didnt wna leave my last post,felt i had so much more to offer to n learn frm students, similarly #niedchat

23-May-12 22:08 | finnbarchristie



@dmchugh675 @dmurray742 2nd)wit dis skul,so much more to giv n learn bt differently. Put the two schools 2gthr=nitemare #noonewins #niedchat

23-May-12 22:09 | finnbarchristie



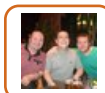
@dmchugh675 #Niedchat I woz away gettin a bottle and a knife ,fork once I heard dinner party at chezmurray mentioned :)

23-May-12 22:10 | medv2



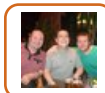
RT @medv2: @dmchugh675 #Niedchat I woz away gettin a bottle and a knife ,fork once I heard dinner party at chezmurray mentioned :) LOL

23-May-12 22:11 | MrMalcontent



for some reason the tweets have stopped loading for me #niedchat

23-May-12 22:19 | finnbarchristie



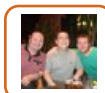
@daithimurray lol nt same MSG as u just nothin loadin on comp. had2go bk2fon #defortimefordishes #niedchat

23-May-12 22:21 | finnbarchristie



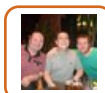
Sad I missed #Niedchat tonight - feel somewhat of an expert on topic! Had school event but will read stream later.

23-May-12 22:22 | hezmar



A really interesting discussion 2nite,the best so far.Still nt sur which way I'm leaning.4those who thot I'm an elitist pig I'm nt #niedchat

23-May-12 22:24 | finnbarchristie



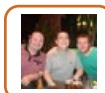
Just not 100% sure on the issue! Lots to think about! Thanks everyone!! #niedchat

23-May-12 22:24 | finnbarchristie



@daithimurray @mrmalcontent @finnbarchristie @medv2 gn folks...it was a pleasure as usual. #Niedchat

23-May-12 22:24 | dmchugh675



RT @dmchugh675: @daithimurray @mrmalcontent @finnbarchristie @medv2 gn folks...it was a pleasure as usual. #Niedchat

23-May-12 22:26 | finnbarchristie